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SUBJECT: WB/G SITREP: IDF TROOPS KILL THREE PALESTINIANS,
INCLUDING A 12-YEAR OLD BOY, AND INJURE THREE OTHERS IN THE
GAZA STRIP: JANUARY 21, 2005 (1500 HOURS LOCAL)

1. (SBU) Summary: Israeli troops shot and killed three
Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, including one 12-year-old boy
on January 21. The IDF also shot and injured three other
Palestinians in the Gaza strip January 21. End Summary.

Gaza

(SBU) ATTACKS:

-- Death: Israeli media reported that IDF troops shot and
killed a 12-year old Palestinian boy on January 20 in Rafah.

-- Deaths: The IDF reported that a soldier shot and killed
two Palestinians west of Khan Yunis on January 21.

-- Injuries: Israeli media reported that IDF troops shot and
wounded two Palestinians January 21 as they were preparing to
fire an anti-tank missile at Israeli troops.

-- Injury: The IDF reported that it shot and injured one
Palestinian near Rafah on January 20.

-- Mortars/Rockets: Nil.

-- Shootings: According to the IDF, Palestinians shot at
Israeli soldiers east of Shalev and at Karni crossing on
January 20, but no injuries occurred.

-- Explosions: Nil.

(SBU) INCURSIONS/DEMOLITIONS: Nil.

(SBU) BORDER CROSSINGS:

-- Route Four (Salahadeen Road), the main north-south traffic
artery, was open January 21 with a major detour at Netzarim
Junction, but was closed at Abu Khouli from 1700 January 20
until 0900 January 21.

-- Erez Crossing was open for diplomats and internationals,
but closed for Palestinians on January 21.

-- The Erez Industrial Zone remained closed January 21.

-- Sufa Crossing was closed January 21.

-- Karni Terminal was closed January 21.

-- Rafah Terminal was open for arrivals January 21.

-- Tel al-Sultan checkpoint was closed January 21. Toufah
checkpoint was also closed on January 21.

(SBU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: Israeli and Palestinian media
are reporting the deployment of Palestinian police to patrol
conflict areas in and along the borders of the Gaza strip.
Some reports said that security forces had already taken up
positions in the northern Gaza Strip in an effort to prevent
future Qassam and mortar attacks against Israel.

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